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## GENOCIDE IN SOUTH DAKOTA?

by Edmund C. Berkeley, Editor

The English paper "JFK Assassination Forum" published by Brian Burden, 100 Church St., Bocking, Braintree, Essex, CM7 8LQ, Great Britain, contains in its No. 13 issue the following report. I have not heard of this before: can any readers of "People and the PURSUIT of Truth" supply more information?

The partially decomposed body of a young Indian woman was "found" by an FBI agent on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, U.S., on 24 February. She was the latest of more than 50 to have been murdered there in the last three years. Anna Mae Aquash, an Oglala Sioux and an activist in the American Indian Movement, died, according to a coroner, from exposure. She was buried in an unmarked grave, her hands having first been cut off and sent to FBI headquarters in Washington. Then her family were notified. They demanded another autopsy, which showed she had been shot in the back of the head at close range.

A few weeks before her death, Anna Mae had reportedly gone underground after "escaping" from the police,

who had arrested her on firearms charges. She was never seen alive again.

The reservation has been under armed occupation by the federal government since 1973. Government "heavies" — from the Special Operations Group, CHAOS (the CIA's "domestic disruption program"), the FBI and even the 82nd Airborne Division — have roamed the reservation at will. They are armed with the newest and most sophisticated combat weapons the United States has to offer. Reports have told of them breaking into homes without warrants, harassing, threatening and beating women and children, and torturing, jailing, and murdering those who resist. The resistance is apparently being used by the U.S. government to practice war games.

The "experiments" were first uncovered by reporter Ron Pidenbour, who also exposed the My Lai massacre. They are believed to be a trial run for martial law in the United States, helping to prepare government forces for any civil upheaval. Sections of the entire U.S. police system have been mobilized under the code name Garden Plot. Meanwhile, few if any Americans know what is going on in their midst. In the "freest country on earth", the government practices genocide — and the press says not a word.

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